

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Supplemental Amendment, claims 1-10, 23-38, 40-42, 44, 45, 47 and 63-68 are pending and under consideration in the present application. Applicant notes that claim 10 was erroneously omitted by the Office on the list of pending claims in the Advisory Action mailed August 18, 2003, and was further not included in the Office Action mailed May 7, 2003. Applicant did not cancel, withdraw or amend claim 10 in any previous response. As such, claim 10 is currently pending.

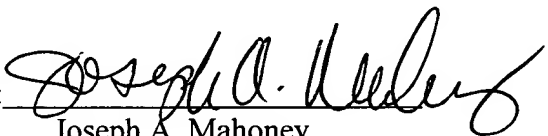
It is respectfully submitted that entry of this Supplemental Amendment will place the claims in condition for Allowance. Applicant requests early and favorable notice to that effect.

None of Applicant's amendments are to be construed as dedicating any such subject matter to the public, and Applicant reserves all rights to pursue any such subject matter in this or a related patent application.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned with any questions or to otherwise expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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